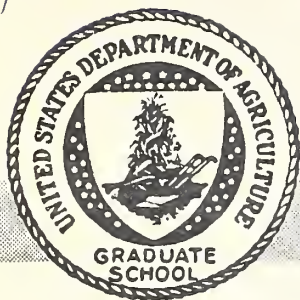


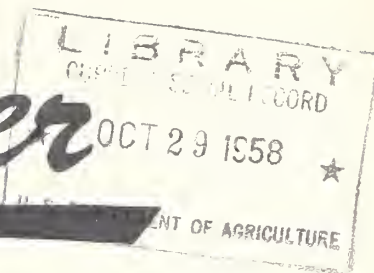
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Newsletter



GRADUATE SCHOOL ★ USDA

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To the Faculty, Committee Members and
others associated with the Graduate School:

We think the Graduate School may be setting something of a record in the number of university and college presidents, either now or recently in office, who have spoken at our faculty luncheons and dinners. Without exception they have given thought provoking talks and broadened our understanding of the forces shaping higher education today.

We are delighted that the committee in charge of our annual faculty dinner has followed the custom and obtained former President Howard L. Bevis of Ohio State University to speak on some of the issues of interest in his new post as chairman of the President's Committee on Scientists and Engineers.

The dinner, which has been arranged by a committee composed of J. K. McClarren, chairman, John Cooper, Mildred Benton, Vera Jensen, and Ruth Carlock, will be held in the fourth wing cafeteria of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Wednesday evening, September 11. We hope you can be with us. Call Mrs. Carlock for reservations.

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We welcome Don Paarlberg, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, as a new member of the General Administration Board. Dr. Paarlberg succeeds Earl L. Butz.

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Except for one course, Introduction to Statistics, chosen by five people, the 32 students who have been awarded scholarships for the coming year have shown an unusually wide range of interests in the courses they have selected. One explanation may be their varied backgrounds. The scholarships were pro-rated by agencies on the basis of each agency's representation in the Graduate School last year. They are:

Air Force: Anna Mae L. Fletcher and Sarah J. McLaughlin; Agriculture: John B. Farley, Sr., Sylvia B. Bush, Elwyn Bud Fisher, Thomas J. Henneberry, Richard Lehr, Jimmy D. Minyard, and John R. Pedersen; Treasury: Patricia G. Peed; V. A.: Arthur Ornstein; State: John J. Lee; Navy: Patricia J. Folk, Evon Lewis Dennis, Valeria H. Whitehouse; N.I.H.: Ernest Henry Miner, John Peter Reilly, Alfred Segee, and

Doris Thompson Woods; Library of Congress: Richard Mills, Frank William Koehler; I.C.A.: Thomas N. Wilson; Government Printing Office: Octavia Marie Payne; Federal Power Commission: Blair R. Stover; D. C. Government: Robert D. Wallace; Commerce: Rollin L. Gibbs, Albert T. Liser, Jr., Wendell Shoun; Civil Service Commission: William M. Ragland; Civil Aeronautics Board: Oscar E. Strothers; and Atomic Energy Commission: Harold H. King.

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One important outcome of the series of luncheons we held for training officers this summer is the addition of three new courses in data processing on electronic computers to our schedule. The need for more people to program computers was reported by officers from all of the agencies with large statistical programs. Many of them already have electronic computers. Others are installing them as rapidly as they can be obtained.

Two of the courses, we will give this fall, will be of interest to people now in statistical and clerical jobs and others who wish to train for programming medium size computers adopted primarily to statistical, commercial, and data processing applications. Data Processing on Electronic Computers (Univac) will be taught by Betty S. Mitchell and Dorothy P. Armstrong of the Bureau of the Census. Data Processing on Medium Size Electronic Computers (IBM 650) will be given by William Morsch, DeVegh and Company.

The third course is designed for students whose background in mathematics permit them to use mathematical symbolism at the level of matrix calculations, input-output routines, and linear programming. Programming Techniques for General Purpose Electronic Digital Computers--Scientific Applications (IBM 704) will be taught by William Orchard-Hays of the Council of Economic and Industrial Research.

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"One of the few traces of early America left in Washington," is how O. V. Wells described the Graduate School in talking to the training officers who attended the luncheons in their honor, this summer.

Dr. Wells went on to say, that like the characteristic business of early America, our operation is based on the law of supply and demand. The Graduate School is a meeting place for people who have something to offer in courses that will be helpful and people who want those courses.

Now a member of our General Administration Board, Dr. Wells has been a teacher in the Graduate School since 1940. His seminar, Agricultural Policies and Programs, given in alternate years, is scheduled for the spring of 1958.

Like early America, the Graduate School is becoming a family institution. Dr. Wells' daughter, Jean, a junior at Wellesley, took two courses in the Graduate School this summer: Introductory Statistics and The Main Languages of the World.

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Possibly you have already seen our cards announcing the counseling and testing service to begin September 3.

We are deeply indebted to the committee--Henry Stevens, Katherine Beardsley, Grant Youmans, Frank Sievers, Gladys Baker, and E. R. Draheim--for finding a director with an exceptional background to serve on an experimental basis this first year the plan is tried.

Director Paul MacMinn, who is now guidance and student personnel specialist at the Office of Education, has previously held posts as psychological consultant at the Personnel Institute, Chicago, Dean of Men at Northwestern, and Dean of Students and Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Oklahoma. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Virginia, Temple, Michigan State, and American University. He is a graduate of Westminster College and holds the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Northwestern.

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Each year, we lose a number of good teachers and committee members who accept foreign assignments. But so far as I know, this is the first time we have had to replace a teacher going to the South Pole. Thomas I. Gray, Jr., who with Jay S. Winston teaches Weather Analysis and Forecasting, has been appointed international meteorologist at Geophysical Year Weather Central at Little America. When he told us about his plans, he wasn't sure whether he would sail from New York, September 23, on the ice-breaker, the Glacier, or leave here by plane in time to board the Glacier when it embarks from Christ Church, New Zealand, November 15. We hate to lose Mr. Gray but we are delighted that he has been chosen for this prize post. And we are fortunate to get Carlos R. Dunn of the Weather Bureau to take Mr. Gray's place on the faculty.

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When Esson M. Gale retired as Director of the International Center at the University of Michigan last year, we had the good fortune to interest him in giving a course on the United States and Asia in the Graduate School. But now Dr. Gale is taking a foreign assignment. He has been selected for a grant under the Department of State's Educational Exchange Program to serve as visiting professor of comparative government and Asian studies at Korean University, Seoul, during the 1957-58 academic year.

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We write a great many letters explaining the distinctive nature of the Graduate School to prospective teachers and students who think it is an ordinary four-year college. Most of them are people in this country but last month we had a neatly penned inquiry from a young man in the newest nation of the world, Ghana. He was seeking a scholarship. His father, a priest, can pay his transport but no more and the young man plans to work his way through school. We hope he will get a chance to do so in a four-year college.

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We are still getting inquiries about Graduate School courses described in an article in the WALL STREET JOURNAL, May 29, 1957, issue. A recent one was from the American Management Institute, which is particularly interested in our Workshop in Official Writing and Introduction to Linear Programming.

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If you wish a copy of the catalog and fall semester schedule sent to any prospective students, please call or write giving the names and addresses at an early date. In the past a considerable number of students have been given detailed information because their names were provided by teachers and committee members.

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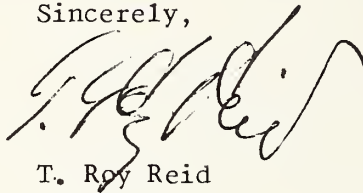
AMONG OURSELVES

Two new members of our staff are Wilma Griggs, who is taking the place of Mrs. Elsie Banks, and Shirley Coleman, who replaces Sally Fink. Mrs. Banks, who joined our staff in 1955, is leaving us to become a full-time homemaker and Miss Fink is going back to school. She is a student at Anderson College, Anderson, Indiana.

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L. H. Rohrbaugh, former Director of the Graduate School, is now spearheading plans for a Graduate Institute of Technology in connection with the University of Arkansas, where he is Vice President and Provost. Dr. Rohrbaugh brought us up to date on his activities, August 16, when he stopped by for a brief visit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'T. Roy Reid', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

T. Roy Reid
Director